

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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THE OLD TIME POWER IS FALLING — 333 WERE BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY GHOST IN MAY

LIFE IS BUT A VAPOR

SLATON, Tex.—I want to send in a note of praise from away on the plains. We still love Jesus and have the experience of wonderful three cord salvation just like the ones in East Texas.

I am glad this morning of Jesus, the one who spilled His blood on Calvary for me, the one to whom every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess. It pays to confess Him now and get everything right for life is but a vapor and after death comes the judgment. Dear sinner if you could only realize that your breath belongs to God who gave it and when it is enough with Him, He will cut the brittle thread of life and your soul will go out into eternity to meet a living God.

I am glad that I took my burdens to the Lord and left them there. There is joy, peace and contentment in serving Jesus. I had rather be a door mat in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness for a season. What a blessed privilege we have of eating the bread that comes from Heaven and drinking the blood that was shed for the cleansing of our soul.

There are but a few saints here and it seems like sometimes that we are forsaken. We have no place to worship in. We have a fight to make but Jesus is our captain so we know victory will come. Satan has tried so hard to over throw God's work here but Jesus is more than a match for him. I hope someone will hear the Macedonian cry and come over and help us.

We closed about a four weeks revival here conducted by a Pentecostal man. Five were added to the Church of God. Pray much for us for we need your prayers.—Mrs. Walter E. Rampy.

JESUS' BLOOD WILL CLEANSE

PIKEVILLE, Tenn.—On May 28th the saints gathered for service at Pikeville, Tenn. it being Brother J. K. Keith's regular appointment. The presence of God was felt in the very beginning and the revival spirit was so good that brother Keith thought it best to hold a few days meeting. The interest was good from time to time. Many good messages were given. The Lord surely blessed. The saints would climb to the hill tops and pray and then meet at the church and see their efforts blessed.

Three were reclaimed, five saved, four sanctified, two received the Holy Ghost, five baptized in water and two added to the church. The revival continued until Children's Day. Our hearts were filled with joy to see the children as they answered to their names and came forth with songs and readings of our Redeemer. This day will be long remembered.

SIGNS WILL FOLLOW BELIEVERS

RIENZI, Miss.—I praise the Lord for healing me this morning of sore throat by laying on the Evangel and praying. I have been divinely healed many times and I give God all the glory. God will do all for His children that they will let Him do. Signs will follow His believers.

I am saved sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and a member of the Church of God. The better I understand God's word the better I love the church.—Mrs. Bama White.

"THEY SHALL SPEAK WITH NEW TONGUES"

Mark 16:17

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." Heb. 12:1.

I thank God for another victory at McVeigh, Ky. On May 15th Brothers Paul Ross and W. S. Ross came to this place and started a revival. Twelve were saved, ten sanctified, four received the Holy Ghost, eight baptized in water and four added to the church. After the third night of the meeting Brother W. S. Ross was called away leaving the meeting in charge of Brother Paul Ross and our assistant pastor, Brother Ellis Stevens.

Among those who received the Holy Ghost was a Baptist woman sixty-six years of age. She spoke in tongues like they did on the day of Pentecost. Dear reader, if you believe you get the Holy Ghost and do not speak in tongues, let me direct you to Acts 2:4, Acts 10:46-47 and Acts 19:6.

"I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come." John 16:12, 13. Jesus has gone to heaven but He did not leave us comfortless. Praise the Lord, and when the people at McVeigh received the Holy Ghost they spoke with other tongues. Let us go on to victory, lose sight of the world and work for God and His church "And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away." 1 Peter 5:4. I ask every child of God to pray for the church here.—W. B. Webb, Clerk, Pinsonfork, Ky.

EIGHT WEEKS MEETING AT MAGNOLIA, O.

On Feb. 28th Brother Adrin Bowker and the writer started a meeting at Magnolia, Ohio which lasted for eight weeks. The first two or three weeks the people would only come out and it seemed while they were under conviction that they would not make a start and all the altar service we could have was the few saints that we could take along over from Canton. We did not get discouraged but kept right on and in a little while they began to come to the altar and the first one was a girl about twelve years old who came through and received the Holy Ghost. It was only a couple of nights till the altar was full and we did not get to go home sometimes until twelve and one o'clock and sinners would be slain under the mighty power of God.

In the first of the meeting the Lord healed a sister by the name of Davis who came and was prayed for. Her face was paralyzed on one side and the doctors said they could not do anything for her. She had the rheumatism and could hardly get around, but praise God she was healed and has now moved to Washington, Pa. and has written that she would like for us to come there and start a church.

There were seven saved, five sanctified and five received the Holy Ghost and we had a baptizing service that it seemed most of the town turned out to see in disregard to the rainy weather which we had at that time. There were seven baptized in water.

The meetings are continuing in charge of Brother Bowker and we expect to set a church in order a little later. There are many other precious souls there yet to be saved so let us

HAS THE JUDGMENT BEGUN

HE THAT HATH EYES TO SEE LET HIM SEE

F. J. Lee.

For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin with us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God.—1 Peter 4:17.

I fear brethren and sisters while I have preached on many occasions trying to show where we are located in the course of time by calling attention to the wars, rebellions, pestilences, earthquakes, roaring of the waters, gates of the rivers being opened, aeroplanes, automobiles with their glaring headlights, knowledge being increased, running to and fro, armaments, signs in the sun, moon and stars, Jerusalem encompassed with armies, anti-christs, nation against nation and kingdom against kingdom (world war), increases of spiritism, unholiness, unthankful, incontinent, lovers of pleasure, rich oppress the poor, they say peace and safety. Latter rain, seducing spirits, doctrines of devils, wax worse and worse, children disobedient to parents, without natural affections, droughts, cankerworm, caterpillar, locust, and many more too numerous to mention. I will now proceed to view the picture from a different angle.

Begin at the House of God

Can this be true? Yes, the Word of God said it, therefore it is true. The expression "judgment" may be analyzed from several viewpoints. David on the throne was supposed to give right judgment. The judges in Israel were to judge for the people. Jesus is to sit in judgment giving rewards. God the Father is to sit at the white throne judgment, judging Satan and wicked men, consigning them to eternal punishment in the lake of fire. While this is one phase of judgment it will make mention that the tribulation also shall be known as the judgment. Different happenings such as the seven last plagues, the great war, famine, destruction by wild beasts etc., are referred to as the judgments. Isaiah in speaking about the tribulation said, "When thy judgments are in the earth the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness." These judgments as a whole are referred to as "Jacob's trouble." While the Jews are to reap the harvest of the trial the judgments are to effect the entire world.

House of God

Where is the judgment to begin? Answer, at the house of God. What is meant by the expression, "house of God?" Paul giving instructions to Timothy did it that he might know how to behave himself in the house of God which is the Church of the living God.

continue to pray that God will save many more.—Thomas Warden, Pastor at Canton, Ohio.

Then according to Paul, judgment is to begin at the Church of God. Then the latter part of the text says, "What shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?" Thus intimating that the Church of God will be obeying the gospel, but refers to others who will not be obeying. Many are pretending to obey the gospel, but are ungodly. They have their names on some church book but they are continually doing ungodly deeds. These are referred to as unrighteous men. Isaiah says, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord * * * and he will abundantly pardon. There are two classes referred to in our text, also in the Scripture given above. Isaiah calls for this unrighteous man to return and states to him that God would abundantly pardon." There are two classes to draw near to the Lord and have sanctification and the Holy Ghost added to his former experience. But if judgments begin with those who obey the Word of God what will become of the half-hearted Christian and the sinner?

O Church of the living God let us nestle close up to the Lord for our hope is in Him. Trials have been somewhat severe for several years and will doubtless come more and more upon us as the day of the Lord approacheth.

Peter in the first verse of this chapter which contains our text says that as Christ hath suffered in the flesh we should arm ourselves with the like mind, that is be willing to suffer for Jesus. He further shows that the man who arms himself with this mind hath ceased from sin, then he states as a further incentive for living a holy life. The end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. Why? To keep us holy, for the end of all things is at hand.

Stand at Your Post

After showing how important it is to continue a holy life then lifting our mind to the last days, Peter at the twelfth verse, says, "Beloved think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing had happened unto him."

What! Is the church to have fiery trials? Yes. When? At the time when the end of all things is at hand. But rejoice inasmuch as we are made partakers of Christ's suffering; that when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. (Continued from page two)

FOUND WHAT SHE LONG SOUGHT FOR

CLERMONT, Fla.—I thank God because I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I belong to the dear old Church of God at Clermont, Fla. We are few in number here but we are standing true.

On last Sunday night we had the Lord's Supper and feet washing and oh, how the Lord did bless us. This is the way that I long sought for and mourned because I found it not but oh, I do thank God for this wonderful experience of salvation today. I ask the dear saints to pray that I will stay humble at the feet of my blessed Lord and always obey His word. Fannie B. Jones, Clermont, Fla.

ONCE DEEP IN SIN

MORGAN DIST., Jamaica—I thank the Lord for full and free salvation. I thank Him for His precious blood which He shed in my soul and for the Church of God. I was deep in sin but I praise the Lord for saving me.

Brother Hudson came along our way and preached the true doctrine and I was against the truth at first, but it was revealed unto me and I accepted it. I have been a member of the church for five years. I ask the dear saints to pray for us in Jamaica that the work might be established more and more here.—Adina Fagon.

REVIVAL FIRE IS FALLING

CINCINNATI, O.—We have just closed a meeting here with Brother Clarence Beagle in charge. Attendance was good throughout the revival of three weeks. Brother Beagle seemed to be at his best for God and gave out the Word with power. The Lord blessed in a good way.

Eight were saved, fifteen sanctified, fourteen baptized with the Holy Ghost, eleven baptized in water and three added to the church. Brother Beagle is in the evangelistic work and any church needing his help will do well to give him a call. Address him at 1335 Storrs St. Cincinnati.—J. H. Ingram, Pastor.

SUCCESSFUL PRAYER MEETING

LABELLE, Fla.—I thank God for the way He has and is still blessing in our town, but I thank Him most for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost and putting me on the run for glory.

About three weeks ago we closed a successful revival which was conducted by Brother J. A. Louis from Ft. Myers. Brother Louis has also been pastoring our church here for some time. We had good singing and the band from the Ft. Myers church helped us many times, also Brothers Stephens, Moore and Whidden were with us some. Three were saved, eight sanctified and twenty one received the Holy Ghost. Seventeen were baptized in water by Brother Louis in the river near the church. On the night that the meeting closed twenty were received into the church. We are certainly praising God for victory.

I must also give God praise for blessing in our church and home prayer meetings. Several have been saved and sanctified and three received the Holy Ghost this week. Many others are interested. God is willing and able to bless if we will call on Him. I request your prayers for

WIMAUMA CAMP MEETING

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name.

With grateful hearts we praise God for what we saw and heard at our last Wimauma Camp Meeting. June the 2nd dawned clear and beautiful; we arrived for the first service, the many campers were already there and the tabernacle was filled with worshippers. Brother Self, our State Overseer, preached the first sermon. From the very first God was mightily in our midst to own and bless.

The early morning services at six o'clock were well attended and as the bell pealed forth the call to prayer it was truly inspiring to look out and see the people wending their way to prayer. Brother M. S. Lemons had charge mostly in the morning, Brother Lee gave several wonderful chart messages. Shouts and rejoicing were heard from many.

9:00 a. m. each day was given for young people's meeting in Bible study, 11:00 a. m., 3:00 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. regular preaching service and altar calls, making five services daily. The night services were especially good and the tabernacle crowded. The camp ground presented a fine appearance as Brother Self had called the people and had a general cleaning up before camp meeting and it was a pleasure to walk under the shade and sit in the cool tabernacle. We heard many remarks from visitors, on the food, nice place, etc. Well God said we should do exploits, hallelujah!

Brother Lee, wife and little son were gladly welcomed among us and we all feasted on Brother Lee's good sermons as well as sermons from others. It was truly the best preaching we ever had, never was such united efforts manifested. The altar workers were so earnest and faithful. Everybody prayed, everybody helped and everybody was blessed. Indeed it was like heaven to be there. We appreciate Brother and Sister Chesser, their band and all those who traveled so far to be with us. Sister Cotton is still on the firing line and had charge of the sisters' prayer meeting each day at 6:00 p. m. at the dormitory. Our State Overseer was at his best in preaching, I am sure he had prayed much for this meeting. Brother Hicks had charge of the book stand and presented the Evangel for subscriptions. He is alive to all the work of the kingdom. We thank God for all these good men. They were faithful and ready when called upon for any service.

Offerings were good. Thursday the 9th, 10:00 a. m. was given for Young People's Rally Day. We wish that every saint could have beheld the march of those who attended the Bible School and heard the songs, talks and music. Cooperation gave success to this Rally Day and God answered prayer for victory. We remember God is still living to bless His work. We can say that our God reigneth.

Many were healed and the number saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost went up into forty. The crowds filled the altar in such a way we could not get the exact number. It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done. I am sure those who went can better fight the battle than ever before. Saints, press on, pray on, Jesus is coming soon. Our time of labor is short. Be ready and waiting.—Rosa B. Murphy, 216 Grandcen Ave. Tampa, Fla.

The North Carolina State Camp Meeting will convene Sept. 10th to 25th. Everybody invited.—A. L. Crisp, Washington, N. C.

the Church of God here that we will be found doing the Lord's will.—Vergie Mae Warriner, Box 193.

TENTS! TENTS!!

The tent season is now on and in view of the fact that we have a number of inquiries both for the purchase and sale of second hand tents; I have concluded to advise that all who have a tent for sale write us giving full description: amount of use and abuse, size, weight and duck, whether white or tan, mildew proof or not, in fact full description and particulars regarding same.

We also advise those who are in the market for a second hand tent to communicate with this office giving full description of your requirements and in this way we believe we can be of mutual help to our people.

The above advice applies to big tents, little tents and camping out-fits of all descriptions. Write at once.

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.

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THE OHIO STATE CONVENTION

The Ohio State Convention of the Church of God which convened at Middletown, Ohio June 15-19 has come and gone with the record of being by far the most wonderful of any ever conducted before in the state.

A large number of the churches were represented in the first service. Our hearts were made glad as the dear saints and ministers began gathering in from different parts of the state on the afternoon of the first day, to be in the opening service that evening.

The service opened with songs and prayers and the Lord began to bless and manifest His sweet holy presence in our midst. A message was given in other tongues and interpreted; part of it told us to draw closer to Him for our redemption draweth near. Brother J. D. Wilson, the faithful and beloved pastor of the church at Middletown, gave the address of welcome which all seemed to be feeling in their hearts already. Then came the response from the field by Brother R. Huff of Middletown, Brother R. Nicely of Marietta, Sister Helen Le Monon of Columbus, Sister Seamore of Cincinnati, next were handshakes and greetings.

Thursday morning the service opened as usual with songs and prayers. Brother Pearl Moss of Circleville, O. gave a short talk, telling us there is a place we can get in God that we know what we have and people can't take it away from us but when people begin to lose touch with God they get led away. Then came an interesting and uplifting sermon by Sister Dame of Sesser, Ill. She used for her subject 1 Cor. 15:49, "And as we have borne the image of the earth, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly," speaking of the first man Adam who was made a living soul and his bride taken from his side. Also of the second man Adam, a quickening spirit, and of his Bride being taken from His side; thus portraying to us so beautifully the relationship of Christ and His Church to that of husband and wife.

Thursday p. m. the service opened with songs and prayers and a short talk by Brother R. E. Hamilton, pastor of the church at Lancaster, Ohio, using Psalms 122:1 for his subject. "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." At the close of the message hands were uplifted and praises arose to the Lord from the congregation. Brother Hamilton played and sang the song "After While." Then came another message by Sister G. B. Edwards of Toledo, Ohio given from Job 19:26. "And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." As she spoke under the anointing of the Spirit of seeing God after this life the people rejoiced and shouted the praises of the Lord.

Brother J. H. Ingram, pastor of the church at Cincinnati, gave a short talk and the congregation sang a song. Brother R. Nicely, pastor of the churches at Marietta and Archers Fork, gave an instructive sermon on the subject of "Sanctification" giving eight reasons for it. The congregation was dismissed and went out to restaurants and places for supper. They began to gather at an early hour for the evening service with faces shining and talking with each other about the good things of the Lord. Then came the opening of the service with singing and the Lord began to bless and the saints rejoiced; at the close of the song service another message was given in other tongues and interpreted. The power fell and the

NOTICES :- SPECIALS

IVANHOE DISTRICT

The district convention for the Ivanhoe, Va. district will convene at the Monarat Church July 15th to the 17th.

There are seven churches in this district and we trust that each one will make a special effort to send delegates and make the meeting a success.

Brother Shaffer of Marion, Va. will be with us and continue a revival thereafter.

John C. Jernigan, State Overseer, E. J. Hanks, District Overseer.

Have just closed two successful meetings in Chattanooga with Brother Zeno Tharp assisting.

Will begin a tent meeting at Etowah, Tenn. June 29th. Everybody cordially invited, especially those nearer by. Brother J. A. Walker, Pastor at Etowah, will be in charge of the singing. We are expecting a great time in the Lord. Come and enjoy a feast from heaven.—H. L. Whittington, Pastor N. Chattanooga.

We want a good Church of God preacher with a tent to come to Champaign, Ill. to hold a tent meeting. You will be cared for.

Or we will buy a used tent large enough to hold a revival meeting in. Anyone interested write M. J. Curl, 1407 N. Champaign St., Champaign, Ill.

Rev. T. S. Payne of Knoxville, Tenn. will conduct a meeting at the Church of God Tabernacle eight miles west of Coffeeville, Miss. on the Coffeeville and Oakland Road.

The meeting will begin, D. V., on the night of August 5th and continue until the 14th or longer. Everyone who wants to come is invited. We are hoping to have a good meeting and feel very grateful in having the promise of Brother Payne to hold the revival. Please pray for us.—W. R. Walker.

Wanted—A preacher to hold a revival at Wallace, W. Va. He must have the Holy Ghost and belong to the Church of God. If interested write Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Ashcroft, Route 2,

shouts and praises arose, then the call to prayer and as the many voices were lifted in prayer and adoration to the blessed Christ of Calvary who has purchased such a great and glorious salvation, the noise could have been heard at a distance. Brother Roberts of Toledo, Ohio, gave a short talk. The congregation then stood and sang.

Brother J. S. Llewellyn of Cleveland, Tenn., our editor and publisher, was introduced to the large congregation. Then came his inspiring discourse using for his text, Acts 10:34 (last half of verse) "Now therefore are we all here present before God to hear all things that are commanded thee of God." Oh how the Lord did bless as he spoke under the anointing of the Holy Ghost and at intervals the shouts and praises arose heavenward as souls were stirred and blessed. When the altar call was given the long altar was filled with hungry souls seeking God.

Again Friday morning the service began and oh such a sweet heavenly atmosphere pervaded the place and the sweet holy presence of the Lord was so blessed. The shouts and praises of God's people were wafted out upon the morning breezes. Brother S. J. Osborne of Akron, Ohio then gave an instructive and helpful talk on "Holy Living" which was food to our souls. The congregation then sang a song and the power fell and the presence of the Lord manifested was wonderful. A message was again given in other tongues and interpreted. Oh how the sweet holy presence of the Lord settled down over the congregation. Brother Llewellyn then came forward to the stand and spoke of the wonderful presence of the Lord. He read the Scripture lesson, taking for his text Psalms 27:4. "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple." How hearts were blessed as Brother Llewellyn gave forth the soul stirring message in the power of the Spirit. We were then dismissed and the saints shook hands and greeted each other with happy faces radiating the glory that was in their souls. The Psalmist David said, "The king's daughter is all glorious within." Psalm 45:13.

Friday afternoon after songs and prayers Brother G. D. Phillips gave a talk on "Endure Hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" exhorting us to endure hardness as good soldiers and bringing to our minds from the Scripture the necessity of having on the whole armor of God that we may be able to stand.

Sister Helen Le Morrow delivered a sermon with fervency and zeal. The subject, "Sanctification and its effect." She pictured to us the "old man" as an awful ugly looking person as she showed us how he had big

Wallace, W. Va.

I would like to know the whereabouts of my husband, J. Elwood Moore. If anyone knows where he is, I would appreciate it if you would let me know.—Zula Moore, Sibleyton, Miss.

I have been sick for about seven weeks and cancelled all meetings. I have recovered now and am ready to consider calls for meetings. Will go anywhere but prefer work in Kentucky. If you want my service, write at once.—S. J. Mullin, Straight Creek, Ky.

We will begin a revival at Ravia, Okla. July 17th. Our State Overseer, Brother Williams and workers will be with us, also Brother Stampher of N. Okla.

We are expecting a victorious meeting. We want all members of the Ravia Church to be present if possible. We have been working for a place of our own to worship in. We are earnestly praying and holding up the Church of God. God hears and answers prayers.

Come one and all. Let the church at Ravia pray for a great outpouring of His spirit. Remember that Brother Williams needs money to get down there and it would be best to send it to him before the date for the meeting so he will be sure to be there.—O. J. Plake, Pastor.

I have bought a gospel truck (thru faith in God) and expect to start east with my brass band of nine pieces, as well as orchestra. Will pass through Alabama and Tennessee. Any church desiring us to visit you a few days will please notify me, giving instructions as to how to reach you, or state where located. Will start about July 15th. I desire your prayers.—Pearl Adams and family, Coffeeville, Miss.

I will begin a meeting at Holly Springs if the Lord is willing, on the 9th of July. The meeting will be held in an arbor. Brother H. M. Taylor is expected to be with us to assist.

Anyone desiring a revival, I am at your service.—W. L. Reynolds, R. 2, Box 46, Carrollton, Ala.

eyes, big ears, a long nose and a long neck. It brought laughter as this ugly old man of sin was described but yet the truth was made clear of how people are actuated by the old man and the blood of Jesus as the remedy for this eradication. After the sermon, messages were given in other tongues and interpreted and the power of the Holy Ghost manifested in a wonderful way. Then we were dismissed until the evening service. The crowds gathered at an early hour. There was no room near the front unless one came early. The large building was filled and chairs were placed in the aisles to accommodate the people. Children and others sat on the edge of the platform, people stood in the back and in the doors. The service opened with singing and prayer then a short talk was given by Sister Warden of Canton, Ohio, Sister Slimmer of Dayton, Ohio, from Bethel Temple of the Assemblies of God, sang and gave a short talk. Then came a soul stirring discourse again by Brother Llewellyn under the mighty anointing of the Holy Ghost. Shouts and praises arose from the vast congregation as the message went forth in the power of the spirit. When the altar call was given, again the altar was filled with seekers.

Saturday morning the service began with singing and prayer after which a talk by Brother J. R. Warden, pastor of the Church of God in Canton, Ohio, subject, "So run that ye may obtain." 1 Cor. 9 (last part of v. 24). Then Brother Clarence Beagle of Cincinnati came to the stand for a short talk and sang, "Lord I've started for the kingdom and I won't turn back." The place rang again with shouts and praise and the saints running and manifesting the power of the Spirit which was in them. The power fell in such a mighty way until Brother Beagle had to wait before giving his talk. A message was given again and interpreted. The Scripture lesson was read from Rom. 8:34-39 and a short talk, then he sang "Give me the Old Time Religion" which was enjoyed as we felt the Spirit of the Lord in it.

The congregation then sang a song and another short talk was given by Brother Chas. Vanderplug of Toledo, Ohio, which was interesting and instructive. The congregation sang a closing song and we were dismissed for dinner. Then in the afternoon we gathered an hour earlier that we might have plenty of time for the conference. After singing and prayer the business session was opened and reports from the churches in the different districts were read by the district overseers and short talks given. Saturday night the house was packed and people standing. The song service was a great and glorious time of shouting and dancing. The waving of handkerchiefs as they sang was a

beautiful scene. An encouraging message was given in other tongues and interpreted then the shouts and praises rang out again over the vast audience. A testimony service was conducted by Brother Powelson of Fostoria, Ohio. Brother Llewellyn gave a discourse for the ministers and the laity was also included. The subject was given from 1 Thes. 1:6. As he spoke under the mighty anointing of the Spirit and the blessing of the Lord flooded his soul the people shouted and truly our souls were fed. An altar call was given and the altar again filled with seekers. Some lay prostrate on the floor under the power of the Holy Ghost.

Sunday the last great day of the feast the building was again crowded for the morning service as more came from a distance. Brother Ingram, pastor of the church in Cincinnati, and a large number of the saints there, came up to the feast. They came in a truck and 15 or 16 autos. Some were here from New Port, Ky. others from Centerville, Ind. for the morning service. After songs and prayers Brother Frank Lemons, pastor of the Church of God at Findlay, Ohio gave an address to the young people. As this dear young servant of the Lord, whom the writer has known from his boyhood, stood before that vast audience weeping as he brought forth the message, how the hearts of not only the young, but the old and middle aged were blessed and inspired to press on and carry the Gospel of Jesus to all the world. Oh that many other young men were going forth and weeping, bearing the precious seed, for the Word says, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing the precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psalms 126:6. The congregation sang and Brother Llewellyn again delivered another discourse it seemed right from the glory world. Oh how our souls were fed as the words fell from his lips as manna from the heavenly world. It seemed that the climax of glory and power in the convention was reached. This glorious service cannot be described as the glory and power fell upon that great congregation and people rejoicing and shouting and dancing all the way from one end of the house to the other. What a glorious scene which is so akin to Heaven. Brother Llewellyn stopped preaching; said he would just quit; there was no end to this and the next thing he had joined in the dance. Oh how wonderful is this great and glorious salvation which has no end but we will go right on into Heaven with it and there our enraptured souls can fully express their adoration and praise at the feet of He who loved us and has washed us in His own precious blood.

We were dismissed for dinner and then our hearts began to feel a touch of sadness as many of the dear saints began to take their departure for their homes after the morning and afternoon services. The afternoon service was devoted to the missionary and orphanage work. After songs and prayer Brother Adrian Bawker of Canton, Ohio gave a talk on "Foreign Missionary Work." He spoke of the healthful worship in India: as the worshiping of the cow, rats and snakes.

Right here I am glad to make mention that Ohio already has all her pro rata of money for the foreign missionary work paid except a little over \$25.00, but we don't expect to stop at this for we want to help right on in rescuing lost souls in heathen lands, who know nothing of our Christ and His power to save. Millions are going down into eternal darkness and woe. After the foreign missionary work was brought before the people, Sister H. C. Sease of Dayton, Ohio came to the stand and gave an interesting message in behalf of the dear little orphans. After the message the people came flocking up the aisles to the stand to give for the support of these dear children. A few dollars were also given at the night service which carried the offering to a little over \$81.00.

There was a large congregation present for the evening service composed of the people of the town and those of the ministers and saints who remained over for the close of the convention. After songs and prayers Brother Bowman of Findlay, Ohio conducted a testimony service. Sister Bertha Weaver of Walbridge, Ohio delivered a message using for a subject "Lazarus and his two sisters, Mary and Martha." She concluded her message by telling how the breaking of the alabaster box by Mary and the ointment on Jesus' feet represents the life of the saints filled with the Holy Ghost.

Then Sister Dame of Sesser, Ill. preached a sermon to the unsaved and an altar call was given. The altar was filled with seekers. At the close of the service there were handshakes, bidding each other goodbye. This wonderful convention cannot be described. The Lord was surely in our midst from the beginning to the end and such a sweet spirit of love and fellowship flowed from heart to heart among God's people. Brother Llewellyn has surely won the hearts of the people in Ohio and will have a glad welcome back among us any time he can come. His soul stirring messages were truly a blessing. The Lord has a people in Ohio who love the Church of God and the doctrine. They love the truth and the truth makes them free; they believe in being free in the

No Desire For Worldly Pleasure

WINSTON, Ga.—I want to sound a note of praise to my Redeemer. He has done so much for me. I am only thirteen years old and I belong to the Church of God. I am saved, sanctified and the Holy Ghost abides in my soul today.

The people out here are blind, they don't know anything about this sweet holy way and the girls try to get me to go to dances, parties and to every thing like that you can name. I want all who reads this to pray for me that I will hold out to the end and also pray that the Lord will send someone here to preach the true gospel to these poor lost blind people, that their eyes may be opened before it is too late.—Lorena Valbrath.

God Never Leaves Nor Forsakes

With a heart full of love for God, I want to sound a note of praise thru the Evangel for my great Redeemer who has brought me out of darkness into this wonderful light and has given me a deep determination to go all the way. I am trusting Him for both soul and body. It does me good to tell the world that Jesus can heal. I have been healed many times and I want the outside people to know that I am not ashamed of it.

I was suffering recently so I sent a handkerchief to Brother Rouse to be anointed and prayed over and after receiving it I placed it on my body and the Lord healed me, bless His name. If we have faith God will hear and answer our prayers.

I am the only one in the home who has the Holy Ghost and I want all who reads this to please pray that God will give me grace to overcome everything that is not like God.—Aria Reeves Casentex.

HAS THE JUDGMENT BEGUN

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ters. Yet if any man suffer as a Christian let him not be ashamed. For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God.

Brethren the trials are on the Church. We need not expect easy or smooth sailing any more. Satan hates the Church of God and is always glad to have the privilege of throwing a bomb-shell in the midst of her. But beloved, listen, I have no intention of running if he throws one every other day. Quit you like men be strong.

"Well" you say "what shall we do? I am tired of confusion and strife, I want smooth sailing?" Yes, my brother I also long for this, but it will never be until we leave these rough waters and sail into the beautiful haven of rest. The Captain has told us in the Scripture following the text what we should do. Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator. The Lord is faithful, let us be faithful.

Faithfulness Enjoined

All under the sun that we can do is to be faithful unto the calling whereunto we are called. If we as a faithful sentinel will cling to our post we shall be able to rejoice with exceeding great joy at His appearing.

I have often thought of faithful old Paul how that he was tossed on the waves of the mighty ocean. How the terrible storm and darkness had rested upon them for fourteen days and nights, yet he was not walking the deck wringing his hands or screaming because of fright but was down in one corner of the ship calling earnestly on God. He knew that the best thing to do was to pray, so he stuck to his post faithfully performing his duty. Perhaps he said, "If it goes down it will just have to go, but I will go with it performing my duty and praying to God."

Seven means, the finish or completion of anything. Paul's trial on the ocean was twice seven, a double dose. But near the close he said, I have seen an angel. Not only was he consoled, but was able to console others.

Dear ones the storm may rage yet the more, and dark clouds may settle still heavier upon us, but I say again, our hope is in God, therefore let us often be found in some corner crying out to God.

I submit this message to the dear saints scattered abroad, with an urgent appeal to all, be faithful, pray more and go through with the Lord. Let us never once entertain the thought of letting down a little boat of our own. May the Lord bless and sustain every true child of God. Amen.

spirit and are praying, shouting, dancing and rejoicing as they watch and wait for the coming of the Lord to catch away His saints.

Your sister in the battle for Jesus.—Mrs. E. Haynes.

MEMBERSHIP MORE THAN DOUBLED

Dear saints scattered abroad: We want you to know what good things the Lord is doing for us at Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

On May 15th another revival broke out and ran for seventeen days, many souls were blessed, we couldn't find out how many were saved and sanctified, but Brother D. H. Delk, (who has been so faithful in helping to get the Church established) received the Holy Ghost.

On June 12th at 8:00 o'clock a. m. eleven followed the Lord in water baptism in the Atlantic Ocean. As you may imagine, we had a wonderful time all day. After the sermon that night an opportunity was given for anyone who desired, to become a member of the Church of God. Twelve came forward and were gloriously added to the Church, four were grown men, five were grown women, two little girls and one boy so you may see that we are getting members who will be a benefit to the church. Among those received as members were two splendid pianists. And that is not all, there are more that are to follow shortly.

In this one service our membership was more than doubled, we had eleven members before, then the above twelve were added making a total of twenty-three. We hope to have fifty or more by the Assembly. There have been twenty-six baptized this year. God is working in a wonderful way.

Right here let me say a word for our young peoples' society. The Put A Student Through School; or P. A. S. T. S. society has grown to be so large that we hardly know what to do with it. I wish you pastors, who are having a hard time with your young people, could just see this crowd. I have a hard time with these young folks too, but my hard time is different from most pastors' hard time in that I have a hard time getting them to close their meeting in time for the regular preaching service. Their service begins at six p. m. Sunday evening and it is almost as well attended as the regular service at 7:45. I have travelled about a good deal and I must say that I have never seen a crowd of young people who were as full of fire as these are and they are doing something that will be a mark in eternity for themselves I'm sure. Last term they had a young lady in the Bible School as their representative and this year they expect to have at least two young men or women there. They find it a very easy matter to pay the board and tuition of those they send, simply because every one is doing his best.

July the sixth two musicians and myself are going to Odum, Georgia and begin a revival, pray that God will crown our efforts with success. If there is another church in the movement who has over doubled its membership in one service this year we would like very much to hear from the same.

If there is any information we can give that you would like to have, we invite you to write to the following address.—S. F. Beard, Box 2511, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

PAUL ALSO SUFFERED PERILS

FARRELL, Miss.—While lying on the bed of affliction for about two months and being one of the refugees of the flooded district of the Mississippi delta and debarrad from attending services, I wish to praise the Lord through the Evangel for the preservation of our lives and supplication of our needs.

We were reminded of old Paul, when he made mention of the different perils that confronted him, when we came thru the peril of water but was made to rejoice that we did not have to conflict with perils of false brethren. So far as we know the River View church is standing as loyal as before the test came. We have been forced to hunt homes in different localities since leaving the refugee camps and there is hardly enough members left to call together, to pray for us when we get sick. One brother has moved into a new place and has written for the pastor. Pray that the scattering of the River View church will be for the furtherance of the Gospel. Also pray for the healing of my body, but I feel that all is well with me if the Lord sees fit to call me at this time.—Mrs. F. J. Rudesill.

THE HARVEST IS GREAT BUT THE LABORERS FEW

NASSAU, Bahamas—I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and on my way to Heaven with a shout of victory in my soul. I have been appointed District Overseer of Nassau Point, Andros Is. The Lord has worked wonders fully among us. Thirty-six have been brought to the Lord, a church set in order and we have a good Sunday School.

Since the hurricane here it seems a great sacrifice to work on the island and I need your help and prayers. The harvest is great but the laborers are few. We need workers out here. Pray for me that I may continue in the work of the Lord.—John Moss.

THE RESURRECTION OUR ONLY HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE

The resurrection of the dead and the judgment bring to our minds a subject of such importance that I feel it my duty, and yours, as Christian people, to talk and write more about and to give the people the great Bible truths concerning it. It is my desire to help someone to understand the teaching of the Scriptures on this subject.

It has been said that this subject does not amount to anything; but surely people who say this have not read enough to really know of how much importance it is. They say that the one important thing is to live right and that God will take care of the rest. This I readily admit; but in order for us to live right we want to know something about the hope, or promises that are for us. If God didn't intend for us to study anything about our rewards, why did he say so much about it in His word? I sincerely believe that God intended for us to know something about these great truths. He has taught us that He gave His only begotten Son to redeem us from sin and death.

Let us go back to the garden of Eden and see just what condition we were in. We are taught that God pronounced everything good when He finished the creation. Man had been made in the likeness of God and placed in the beautiful garden with his wife. They had fruits of the very best to eat but that was not satisfactory to them. There they had the privilege of continuing the life they were living, in all happiness, with nothing to mar it; or they could do as they might wish to do. God had told them that they might eat of every tree of the garden but the tree of knowledge—they shouldn't eat of it, lest they die.

"And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die." Gen. 2:16-17. The next thing we notice, the devil came to Eve and asked her if God had said that they shouldn't eat of every tree of the garden. So Eve told him that they might eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden. "But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die." Gen. 3:3.

The devil then disputed God's word by telling Eve that she would not die, but that her eyes would be opened and she would be as gods, knowing good and evil. So, by listening to the devil, she was deceived and ate some of the fruit and gave some of it to Adam and he ate it.

The devil had then accomplished the thing he had been working after; he had deceived man and had gotten him to disobey God and bring death on himself; and not only on himself, but on the entire human family, as long as time lasts. Adam and Eve did have their eyes opened "to know good and evil," but they had chosen the evil. Then we read that they were ashamed and went and hid themselves from God when they heard Him calling.

Now let us see what the penalty for sin was and just what became of Adam and Eve. I will refer to the Bible in order that we may get God's words. "Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow shalt thou bring forth children, and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life. Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return." Gen. 3:16-19.

We know that the Scripture just read has no reference to the spiritual death as we have heard some teach. The Scriptures teach us very plainly that man returns to the earth as the penalty for Adam's disobedience. Let us search the Scriptures and rightly divide the word of truth that we may know what God's word plainly teaches.

Job was a righteous man—a man that was tried by the devil and proved to be a servant of God. Now let us consider some of his words:

"But man dieth, and wasteth away; yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he? As the waters fall from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up; So man lieth down, and riseth not; till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep. O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me in secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me: If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee; thou wilt have a desire to

the work of thine hands." Job 14:10-15.

We see that Job's hope was altogether in the resurrection of the dead. He believed that the Lord would call him out of the grave and that he would live again. He tells us that all the days of his appointed time will he wait till his change come. We find Job telling us about this change in another quotation: "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another, though my reins be consumed within me." Job 19:25-27. By reading the Bible and studying it closely, we find that all the prophets and patriarchs believed in a resurrection from the dead, since God told the devil that the seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head. They all understood that they had the promise of redemption. The devil thought he had won the victory, but, praise the Lord! he hadn't. God provided another plan to redeem us from sin and death. It is the only plan until this day and will remain so until Jesus comes back to this earth; then the victory will be won, as Paul said: "Death is swallowed up in victory. O, grave, where is thy victory?" 1 Cor. 15:54-55. We want the exact teaching of the Bible; then we can tell people that we are teaching God's truth.

David was a man after God's own heart. Let us examine some of his words concerning his hope in the resurrection. I will refer to a few verses found in the Psalms. Let us be very careful to notice the exact words of David:

"For in death there is no remembrance of thee; in the grave who shall give thee thanks?" Ps. 6:5.

"What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit? Shall the dust praise thee? Shall it declare thy truth?" Ps. 30:9.

"Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled; thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust." Ps. 104:29.

"His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish." Ps. 146:4.

"The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence." Ps. 115:17.

O, that we might all see God's word just as it is taught: we must be raised to life, if we get life. David makes the condition of man so plain that we must admit, just as the Apostle Paul did, when he said: "For if the dead rise not, then is Christ not raised. And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished." 1 Cor. 15:16-18.

David, being a man after God's own heart understood God's plan for redeeming man from the grave. He realized that he was going to have to sleep "the sleep of death," but he had a hope beyond death when he said: "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied when I awake, with thy likeness." Ps. 17:15. David saw, through the eye of faith, the coming of the Son of God and his death and resurrection, inasmuch that he prophesied concerning his resurrection. In Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost he referred to David's prophecy concerning his hope in Christ: "Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; He seeing this before, spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption." Acts 2:29-31.

Peter affirms that David is both dead and buried and remains in the grave awaiting the call of Christ to come forth, by telling us that "David is not accended into the heavens; but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand until I make thy foes thy footstool." Acts 2:34-35. If a man like David has not gone to heaven and must be raised from the dead before he gets eternal life, surely our only hope must be in the resurrection. I can't find anything in the Scriptures that teaches otherwise.

We must take God's word and it certainly teaches that it is only through the resurrection that we get life. Christ taught the people their entire hope was in Him and the great resurrection from the dead. He teaches us that he is "the resurrection and the life." The people couldn't understand what he meant until they saw Him raise Lazarus out of the grave. Some still refused to believe, after seeing that great miracle.

Let us take up some of the promises of a resurrection given by Jesus: "Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in their graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth: they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil, unto the

resurrection of damnation." John 5:28-29. "And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day." John 6:40. "No man can come to me, except the Father, which hath sent me, draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day." John 6:44.

The people were divided in their belief when Christ came into the world. Some believed in a resurrection, but could not understand that Jesus had that power given Him. Many understood that there would be a resurrection at the last day, but they could not understand how a man like Christ could have that great power. Others did not believe in any resurrection at all. It seems that there were several different doctrines being taught them, but the teaching of Jesus was different from them all. He taught them that He was to be crucified and that he would rise from the dead the third day. So they remembered His words and some of the Jews went so far as to have guards watch the grave to keep anyone from coming and stealing Him out of the grave. That was all done through unbelief; but the power of God raised Him out of the grave and caused the guards to fall as dead men. That is the same power that is given to Christ. He will burst the graves and call the dead to life again regardless of what men shall do or say. Christ's disciples, after seeing Him and knowing that he had risen from the dead, went from town to town teaching the people that there should be a resurrection "both of the just and the unjust."

It was because of this doctrine that the Apostle Paul taught, that he was put in prison and put to death. Paul said he was preaching "Jesus and the resurrection." That didn't suit the people; they called it a new and strange doctrine. Some people of today will not receive that great truth as taught by Paul. It was for this same teaching that Stephen was stoned to death. It was for this cause that Peter had to die. God needs more people to teach His word just as the apostles did. It is my desire to do some good in the Master's name by telling people what the Bible really teaches. I have thought so many times just as Paul must have thought when he said "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." 1 Cor. 15:19.

But I can praise the Lord because He was so good and paid the price of redemption. Let us remember that God's plan is the only one and that it will be carried out. His plan is given very plainly in the Scriptures and we should read our Bibles and receive God's word. I am trusting God and I believe that all His children will be raised incorruptible and will have a right to eat of the tree of life and live forever, where there will be no more death, no more pain, no more sighing or crying, but everything will be happiness in the New Jerusalem. God himself shall be with us and be our God and we shall be his people. The tabernacle of God will be with men forever and we shall be his people. Praise the Lord that we have such a wonderful promise!

Brethren and sisters, let us awake! Let's get busy and tell the people that the day of Jesus Christ is at hand! There are so many today that don't know anything about the teaching of the Bible; Jesus says that "this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14. I want to do what I can in my weak way and surely there will be a crown for me on that day. And I am glad that I can pray as John, the Revelator, did when he said, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Rev. 22:20.—H. A. Owens, Gadsden, Ala.

The Lord Blesses the Backslider

HARLAN, Ky.—Although I am unsaved, the Lord has been so much to me and I want to thank Him for it. Six months ago I had rheumatism of the bone. My feet were swollen as if I had dropsy. The doctor said I had one chance out of ten to get well. I told my mother to send for someone to come and pray for me. Three Church of God sisters came and prayed for me. After they left I got worse. I promised the Lord if He would heal me I would do anything He wanted me to do. Mother laid the Evangel on my body and the aching left me instantly but still I couldn't move. Mother then sent for Brother Starling Smith to come and pray for me. He sang and prayed and anointed me with oil. I got better but couldn't walk. We sent for Brother H. B. Enix. He came and brought Brother Goodman with him. They also sang and prayed for me. After they left I got up and walked into the kitchen where my mother was getting supper.

The doctor said that I would probably not get well but if I did that I would be a cripple. Thank the Lord I can walk as good as I ever did. I desire the prayers of all who read this that I may be saved before it is too late. Pray for my parents and my sisters also. We were once saved but backslid. I want to bring my child up in the right way.—Hazel Davis.

THE CHURCH'S DUTY TO LAY ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT

Delivered at an Ordination Service "And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love, for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves." —1 Thess. v. 12, 13.

No relationship more solemn and important than that subsisting between the Christian minister and his flock. It is a spiritual relationship; it is a dignified relationship; it is a deep responsible relationship; it is a relationship clearly defined in the sacred volume; and the duties both of pastor and people are comprehensively stated, and plainly placed before us. By taking heed to the inspired oracles, the Christian minister cannot mistake his duties, and the way in which they are to be discharged; and Christian churches, by the same holy rule, will at once perceive the return which they are to make to the minister God hath placed over them. The text refers both to the office of the minister, and the duty of the people. The Christian bishop or pastor is over the church, and he labors in it; he is an under shepherd, who is to watch over the flock, and to feed them; to rule over the church as Christ's servant, by enforcing the authority of the truth; and by instruction, exhortation, warning, and admonition, to labor earnestly that he may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. But his office and duty have been fully placed before you. Let us then consider your obligations as a church, to the pastor God has placed over you. In doing this, let us,

1. Consider the Duties specified in the Text. And

II. The Principles on which they may be enforced. Consider,

I. The Duties specified. Now, I. There is spiritual acknowledgment.

"To know them," means more than acquaintanceship or personal recognition; it signifies that you are to acknowledge them as the servants of God, and to approve them as such; to receive them in their spiritual capacity and office, as your teachers and overseers in the Lord. Now, you are especially bound to do this, from the fact that your pastor is the man of your own choice he has not been enforced upon you by any bishop, or by act of Parliament, or by any synod or presbytery. You invited him to preach the gospel to you, he has been a probationer with you; you have approved his ministry, and hence, have freely, cheerfully, and prayerfully elected him to the high and dignified office of pastor over you. Then you are to know and acknowledge him in his official character as the man of your own approval and choice.

2. There must be great affectionate regard.

You are to "esteem" him; to value him; to regard him of great worth, for so the word signifies. Do we not value our parents? Now he will have to act as a father, to be filled with paternal anxiety, to labor for your welfare, &c. Do we not esteem or value the physician who watches over our health, &c? Now, he is to have the charge of your spiritual health, &c., to labor, and visit, and advise, that you may be strong and healthy, vigorous sons and daughters of the Lord Almighty. Is not the pilot reckoned of great value, who has the care of the vessel, &c? Now he is to direct you how you may safely cross the sea of life, and is sacredly responsible that he so guides you that you may not miss the haven of eternal life. You are to esteem him highly, yea, very highly; you are to esteem one another; you are to esteem all the Lord's people everywhere; but your pastor must have a high place, and deep place, and an extensive place, in your regards; next to Christ, he should have no equal nor compeer in your hearts. "Very highly in love;" in sincere affection; not cold admiration, but in hearty and intense affection. Esteem, without love, is like the light of the moon, cold, and will surely wane; but esteem grounded in love is like the beams of the great orb of day, cheering and delightful, and will encompass him with heavenly radiance every day. Now, if your conduct is influenced by this high esteem in love, it will be evident, it will be a thing quite clear. Let me say it will be manifested.

(1) By your attendance on his ministry. If he is bound to preach to you, the obligation is equally binding upon you to receive the word which he dispenses. Nothing will compensate for neglect here. This is a great evil in all churches; many attend at best, but occasionally; many are once a day hearers; many are universal hearers, a sort of gipsies; you meet with them everywhere except at home. Nothing will encourage and cheer him more, than to see you in your places in the house of God. You will manifest, &c.,

(2) By cheerful and affectionate co-operation in his labors. The church is a family; all are to be usefully engaged; army—vineyard. God says to every convert, "Go, work," &c.; many spheres of labor; many demands on your exertions. Your minister must take the lead, and you must rally round him. Schools, tracts, meetings for prayer and exhortation, invitations to your neighbors, &c.;—even

mothers at home. "Man in America who kept a book" of hopeful persons. Now do this in love, and with cheerfulness; let the love of Christ constrain you to it, and do all to his glory. Let it be said of your minister, that he is laboring with a chosen band, whose hearts God hath touched. You will manifest, &c.,

(3) By treating him always with kindness and respect. Towards him, the law of kindness must ever have respect. However he may familiarize himself with you, and be as your companion and friend, yet let not this betray you into a disrespectful course of conduct toward him. In your families, in the meetings for church business, and in all your intercourse, have respect to the spirit of kindness; this will bind his soul closer and closer to you, in holy and indissoluble bonds. Do not circulate or receive reports concerning him. The purest characters have not escaped reproach and slander. No doubt Satan rejoices when he can effect this; the world, and infidels, and apostates especially will triumph. Your minister's character is in your own keeping, you are to be the guardians of his reputation; this will be easily effected, if you will not circulate or hear reports. A specific rule is laid down by the apostle, 1 Tim. v. 19; mark and remember that. Now, this kindness will include also, the ministering to the wants of your minister. The care of a church or any magnitude, is enough for any man, however talented, active, and strong; all his energies and time you will require. Then, as a matter of justice and equity, you will feel bound to minister to his temporal necessities, and keep his mind free from pecuniary anxieties and vasalage I trust you will do this cheerfully, and to the utmost of the ability which, as a church, you possess. You will manifest your esteem.

(4) By giving him a constant place in your prayers and supplications. What stress the greatest of all apostles laid upon this, "Brethren, pray for us," &c., Col. iv. 3; and again, "Finally, brethren," &c. If Paul felt thus, with his learning, talents, inspiration, experience, usefulness, &c., oh, how much more we, who are placed in such inferior circumstances! Pray for him in the closet, the family, and in the social means; pray that he may be filled with knowledge, with personal prosperity in religion; with great zeal and boldness; with the Spirit's aid; with the grace of Jesus; and with extended success. Let your minister never, never be forgotten. Thus will you prove that you highly esteem him in love, &c. Now I come briefly to notice,

II. The Principles by which their duty may be enforced.

"I beseech," &c.

1. From the advantage you will derive from such a course yourselves.

Much of your improvement, instruction, and comfort depend upon your minister. He cannot be a wise and efficient minister without your advantage being promoted. In this way, then, promote his and your own happiness at the same time.

2. I beseech you for the church's sake.

If you undervalue and despise, the church will suffer; the garden of the Lord will become a waste; he will be unfitted to edify, and desolation will reign in Zion. Oh, then, by the love you possess to the cause of Jesus and as you would deprecate the engraving of Ichabod on the portals of its doors, "Know them," &c.

3. I beseech you for the sake of the world who are without.

Enemies will watch you to scoff and revile, and if they see you in distraction, they will be hardened, and their bonds confirmed. Inquirers will be repelled, and the movements of the cross of Christ retarded.

4. I beseech you for Jesus Christ's sake.

You are His visible disciples, his professed friends. Now remember, he

LAY ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT

LIVE OAK, Tenn.—In August 1926 the dear Lord saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost and He still abides. He has been so good to me I am glad that I have a dear Saviour who cares for His children and one who will heal our bodies as well as take care of our souls. We find in the precious Word where it says let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Thank God we can find grace to help when we are tempted.

One night I awoke with a terrible pain in my side. It seemed as though I could not bear it long, but I began to talk to the Lord about it and praise His name. He healed me. I have been healed since of headache by applying the Evangel in the name of the Lord. I thank the Lord for His great plan of salvation whereby we can live a pure and holy life. "Let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth easily beset us and let us run with patience the race that is set before us looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him that endured such contradiction for sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds." Heb. 12:1-3.

I am so glad I've learned to trust the Lord and I praise Him for the deep settled peace in my soul. I ask all the dear saints to pray for me that I will stay humble and true and do the Lord's will at all times.—Mrs. Lola Sessions.

CLARKKRAVE, Tenn.—I thank and praise my great Redeemer for a salvation that keeps me each day free from sin. I want to praise Him for saving me from sin, sanctifying me with His blood and giving me a deep determination to go all the way with Him. I praise Him for the way of holiness and for adding me to the church above everything in this world and I want every one to pray for me to receive the Holy Ghost and always do His will.—Mrs. Minnie Hall.

will be grieved if you injure or neglect the least of his disciples. "Woe unto him who offends," &c.; how much more if you insult his ambassadors; the servant he has expressly sent to you. He will assuredly regard all done to himself. Oh, then by the love you bear to Jesus, &c.

5. I beseech by the momentous results of this union between yourselves and your pastor, &c.

We trust this connection will be for life. The results will be lasting as eternity your ministers will preach and act with you as for eternity; you, also, will hear, &c., for eternity. But in one sense, the connection will be dissolved at the judgment day. Bring that solemn day before the light of your imaginations. All the prophets, and apostles, and pastors are before the throne; all are there to be judged, to be rewarded, &c.; and among the myriads of churches and pastors, there will be yours, and your pastor. Would you have him to appear troubled, alarmed, trembling, with but a remnant of the church with him; or would you not have him cheerful, delighted in rapture, surrounded by a large and holy assembly, and passing with his train, to stand before the Divine Majesty, and while Jesus smiles upon him, and upon you, he says, "Here, Lord," &c. And Christ says, "Well done," &c.

APPLICATION

1. We say, ratify this service by secret prayer. Go home, and pray that this day's work may be sealed in heaven.

2. Be at peace among yourselves. This must be the atmosphere you must breathe, or the Holy Spirit will not dwell with you, &c. Pray for peace, labor for peace, &c.

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I AM THE LORD THAT HEALETH THEE

HARTWELL, Ga.—I feel impressed to write a few lines on the subject of Divine Healing. I am glad that the dear Lord fixed a remedy for people to be healed of the diseases of the body just the same as for the healing of the sin-sick soul.

There are three things that the devil doesn't like and they are: the Church of God, the Holy Ghost and divine healing. He doesn't like for people to be healed by the power of God and will hinder every time he can.

I would be glad if every body could have faith enough in God so they could trust their bodies in His hand especially Christian people. Now it is very easy to say we are trusting the Lord when we are well and enjoying good health but what about when we are stricken down with some dreadful disease and it seems that death is near. Then it is when we need to listen to the Scripture, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." Oh! it is so sweet then to be able to call on one who says "I will heal thee." Sometimes physicians will tell some of their patients, their case is hopeless, they have done all they can for them, but the Lord never has found a case too hard for Him.

We read of a woman who had spent all her living on physicians, neither could be healed by any, but at last she decided to try the great Physician and she pressed her way through the crowd of people who were following Him and what did this great healer say? He said unto her, "Daughter be of good comfort thy faith hath made thee whole, go in peace." He knew when she touched the border of His garment for He said, "I perceive that virtue is gone out of me." What a great thing it is to know this great Physician.

Now some people say that doctors were put here for us and we should take their medicine but why do we need to take medicine when the Lord says He will heal us? I haven't a thing to say against the doctors, no doubt they do all they know to do for the sick but Jesus is the great Physician and if the Bible said for us to take medicine when we get sick I surely would do it for I want to obey the Word. James tells us that if there are sick among us to call for the elders of the church. He says the prayer of faith shall save the sick the Lord shall raise them up and if they have committed sins they shall be forgiven. David says "Bless the Lord O my soul and forget not all His benefits, who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases." In the second chapter of St. Mark we read of a man whose sins were forgiven and he was also healed of the disease, palsy.

I just want to relate some wonderful healings which I have witnessed recently. My sister who lives at Cocco, Ga. was taken suddenly ill one morning. They sent us a telephone message to come at once. On the way we prayed for the Lord's will to be done, when we got there we found her better but we wanted to see her completely healed. We went down in prayer and in just a few minutes she was healed completely. She and her husband had planned to move across town that day but didn't think they could after she took sick but she was healed, came out of the bed and began to prepare to move and did move that same day.

Though some say when we are healed instantly this way that there couldn't be anything the matter with us, or we wouldn't get well so quick and then sometimes when we are sick and get healed gradually they say we wore the disease out. We can't please the people but we can trust the One who said He would heal us. We had another wonderful healing in our home. A short while ago, my father was taken one evening with a pain in his foot. He grew worse and worse, his foot began to swell, by night it seemed he couldn't stand it he was suffering so. We went to the Lord in prayer. He retired and had an unusually good night's rest, arose the next morning healed by the power of God, his foot just a little sore.

One of our neighbor girls was taken real sick one morning with an awful pain in her side. It seemed she would almost have convulsions. They sent for us to come and pray for her. When we arrived she was sitting up laughing and talking, healed by the power of God.

Well the Lord can heal anything, nothing too hard for Him. A few years ago several of the saints at Hartwell had some kind of disease. They called it itch. We trusted the Lord, held on to Him, never used a remedy and He wonderfully healed us. Since my precious mother died in the faith trusting the Lord to the end, the devil has told me I couldn't preach divine healing any more since she did not get healed, but praise the Lord I feel more like trusting Him, and preaching it than ever before. Let's live it and preach it as long as we stay in this world.

May every one who reads this always

Testimonies = Divine Healings

LOVES THE WHOLE TRUTH

BELMONT, N. C.—I praise the Lord this morning for the great Church of God here at Belmont and for the way He has blessed at this place. We have had a revival and also State Convention. We had a good time in the Lord. A goodly number were united with the church and nineteen followed the Lord in water baptism. We are expecting many more before the year is gone.

The brethren are having prayer meetings in the woods and the Lord has been wonderfully blessing them. Our pastor, W. M. Stallings, has done a good work at this place by the help of God and we are praising the Lord for a man like him who will preach the whole truth. Pray for me that I may continue to seek after the Lord and do His will.—Alex Haney.

The Lone Star State

DODD CITY, Tex.—I am glad I can say that I am still saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and a member of the great Church of God.

Brother and Sister Eason have just closed a three weeks meeting at this place. We all feel like Lone Elm is coming to the front. The Lord wonderfully blessed in the meeting. Four were saved, five baptized with the Holy Ghost and six added to the church. We believe that Brother and Sister Eason are of God and we surely appreciate them coming to this place. It made us sad when they left us but we hope they will come back soon. We have no pastor but hope that God will send us one for another year. Please pray for the saints at this place.—Mrs. Fannie Suitor.

THE DEVIL'S REPORT UNTRUE

PIKEVILLE, Ala.—I want to report victory for the Church of God at Pikeville, Ala. We had all day meeting the fifth Sunday and it was a wonderful success. The devil put out the report that the meeting had been called off and that we could not have an all day meeting at this place but we are glad to report a good time. The house was filled with humanity until standing room was taken up. Saints came from forty miles away bringing joy and gladness.

The pastor gave a few words of welcome and turned the folks loose to testify. What a glorious time they all did have. At eleven o'clock Brother H. M. Nance gave us an interesting talk from his chart. After the sermon the crowd was invited to remain for refreshments. I want to say that I never saw a more orderly crowd of people. In the afternoon Brother Nance gave us another interesting talk from his chart.

We very much desire the prayers of the saints everywhere for the success of the Church of God at Pikeville.—J. M. Hartline, Route 1, Scottsboro, Ala.

The Lord The Secret of Success

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—I praise the Lord just now for victory in my soul. I thank Him for saving me one day from sin, sanctifying me and giving me the blessed Holy Ghost who abides and while He is abiding He is guiding me into all truth. At this time there is a stronger determination in my heart to press on unto perfection than ever before.

I have just arrived home from the Maryland State Convention. It was joy unspeakable and full of glory. It is really hard to express in words the unity that prevailed. I am glad that we can see the great Church of God rising and shining in these last days, bless His precious name forever. All who missed this convention cannot realize what they have missed. The fellowship of the saints was wonderful but the presence of the dear Lord was the secret of the whole thing. I ask God to bless each one of the great family of God and I desire you all to pray that I may prove faithful to the end, till He comes or calls.—Mary E. Prowattion, 1222 Cambridge St.

HEALED MY LITTLE GIRL

YORK, S. C.—I feel like testifying tonight and telling about Jesus' healing power. My little girl had an afflicted bone in her ear, the Dr. told me to send her to the hospital but I trusted the Lord for the healing of her ear and I promised Him if He would heal her I would testify to it through the dear little paper. Glory to God! He healed her. I'm still saved, sanctified, and have got the Holy Ghost. Pray for me to stand true until Jesus comes or calls.—Ada Ramsey.

remember when the enemy afflicts their body that the text says "I am the Lord that healeth thee."—(Miss) Myrtle Whitehead.

Seventh Annual Convention, Bahama Islands

NASSAU, N. P. Bahamas—We are glad to report that we have just closed our seventh Annual Convention which has been a blessing to all. The convention opened April 28th. Brother Francis Lashley delivered the welcome address. We had sermons and short talks by several ministers. We also had the call of the different Churches of God on the Bahama Islands. Seven churches were represented and a good report of the work of each was given. Brother W. V. Eneas gave a very encouraging talk on the progress of the Church of God.

Singing and music was rendered by Sister Eneas, Sister Major, the Missionary Band, the Fox Band and others. Three were reclaimed and three received the Holy Ghost.

Appointment of pastors were as follows: Brother Franks, Cooper Town; J. Moss, Pacific Point; D. Russell, Bimini; J. Saunders, Grand Bahamas; U. Thompson, Tarpai Bay; L. Hall, Rock Sound; H. Oliver, Freetown; N. L. Scott, Fox Hall; H. Woodside, Kemp Bay; D. Miller, Millers Long Island and W. V. Eneas, New Road.

The convention closed with handshakes and many expressing a desire to meet at the next convention.—Albert Latham, Box 335, Grants Town.

THE LORD ANSWERS PRAYER

LEESVILLE, Va.—I feel like praising the Lord for what He is to me. I just can't praise Him enough for convicting me of sin and saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost which is such a comfort and guide through the trials of this life.

I feel impressed to tell how the Lord spared me through a very bad spell of sickness. I was at the point of death and every one thought I would die, but praise God He saw fit to spare me a while longer for which I give Him all the praise. I feel as though He has a work for me to do and above all I want to be submissive to His will.

We do not have a church building here and we do not have the opportunity of having services as most people do, but praise God it is a consolation to know that we have God with us at all times. Please pray that I might ever be in the center of the Lord's will, also remember my unsaved husband.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Bruce White.

HEALED OF RHEUMATISM

CORBIN, Ky.—I want to testify thru the Evangel about being healed. For several months I could not lie on my left side. Oh, how I suffered with my side. When I would stop working I would get sore all over. I could not walk. Brother Rouse sent me a handkerchief from Cleveland when he was there at the Assembly. The 13th of February I placed it on my body in the name of Jesus and He healed me.

Last summer I bruised my hand and it rose and for three months my friends thought my arm would have to be taken off. When the dear saints prayed for me my hand healed up but was so stiff that my fingers would not close up and I could not open a door. But now I can close my hand as tight as ever. Praise the dear Lord for all.

I am so thankful that I ever got into the dear old Church of God and know that I have a Savior that does hear and answer prayers and can heal all of our diseases. Pray for me that I may get closer to Him.—Mrs. W. H. Smith, 216 S. Main St.

HEALED SEVERAL TIMES

BONNE TERRE, Mo.—I promised the Lord if He would heal my body I would testify through the Evangel. I had been afflicted for some time and still grew worse. I got to where I could hardly do my work or go to church. So I sent a handkerchief to Brother Rouse for him to pray over and when I received it I was healed. Thank God I haven't felt any symptoms of disease since. I have been healed several times, once of double pneumonia. I trusted the Lord right to death's door and He healed me. I thank God I ever learned to trust Him. He heals my family when they get sick. I want all the dear saints to pray for me to stay humble and also pray that my husband may be healed. Agnes Whitaker.

HEALED BY JESUS MIGHTY POWER

LEPANTO, Ark.—I am so glad that eleven years ago Jesus found me, saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost and He still abides. He is the Savior of my soul and the healer of my body.

One night last week I took a chok-

JESUS HEARS AND ANSWERS PRAYER

CALHOUN, Ga.—I want to praise the Lord for salvation. Nearly five years ago He saved, sanctified, filled me with the Holy Ghost and added me to the great Church of God. I am not tired of the way for it grows brighter each day and I have a deeper determination to press on and do just what He wants me to do.

I praise Him for the way He has healed in our home many times. Last fall when our baby was very sick and we had prayer many times it seemed to get no better and I promised the Lord if He would heal it I would testify to it and He wonderfully healed it for which I give Him praise. I am glad we can trust Him for the healing of our bodies as well as the saving of our souls. I want to go through regardless of the enemy. The devil is working today as never before because he realizes the time is short and he is trying to do all he can but let us stand true to God and His great cause. It is going to be wonderful at last when we lay our armour down and take our Heavenly crown. I want to be able to say I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course and kept the faith.—Mrs. Bertie Nix.

HEALED OF FEVER

LAWRENCEBURG, Tenn.—I feel led to send a note of praise and thanks to my Redeemer through the Evangel. He has done so much for me. In November 1926 I had a bad spell of malarial fever. I trusted God, never had any desire for medicine and at last I got complete victory over the fever and now feeling good in both soul and body. Praise His good name. I just want to report this victory to let all of my good sisters and brothers in Christ know that I still love the Lord and trust Him for my healing.

Jesus is our Captain, we should never fear. When we are sick and feel that we have victory and then get worse we should put on more faith and grace and hold on to the Lord and He will heal us completely. I desire the prayers of all the saints.—Willie Smedley.

KEEP PRESSING ON

KERMIT, W. Va.—Dear Evangel readers, I am glad to say that we can be faithful to our Lord and His Church. I am glad that I can say one day in my life I saw that I was lost without God but I sought Him about five years ago and found Him to be just what the Bible said He was. He saved my soul from sin.

Brother D. R. Moreland came to hold a meeting. I was praying to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, the devil tried to make me think I never would get it but I thought of Naaman, how the prophet told him to dip in Jordan seven times and I was faithful to God and just kept pressing my way through until He came in and spoke with other tongues.

I want to be faithful till the end and be a soul winner for my Savior. All pray that I might ever be found in the center of the Lord's will.—James Star.

THE LORD SAVES AND HEALS

MARKS, Miss.—Dear Evangel readers, I feel led to write a few lines, to tell what the dear Lord is doing for me, praise His name. He has done so much for me I can never praise Him enough. On the 14th night of February, 1927, He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. I truly praise the Lord for saving my children and my husband. All of my family who are old enough have the blessing, so you see that we have some happy reunions together, but the happiest reunion will be when we get to heaven.

Jesus is our family physician and He has not lost a case yet. My two little boys had a very bad case of tonsillitis; it seemed that one must go but he held on to the Lord and was healed without using or taking a drop of medicine for which we praise our God.

I want every one who knows the value of prayer to pray for each one in my family and that we might stay humble before the Lord and be ready to go up with Him when He comes or calls.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. J. D. Williams.

ing something like croup. I called for some of the saints to pray for me and we laid an Evangel on my chest and thank God I'm healed of it.

We are indeed living in the last days when the great falling away has begun. I want all to pray for me to stay humble where God can use me and be a real soul winner for Jesus.

If any one wants a revival during the month of April and will send my fare I will be glad to come and conduct a meeting for you. Pray much for me.—Stella Watts, Box 424.

MISERABLE PRODIGALS

AVONDALE, W. Va.—We send forth a cry for help in prayer. My heart is laden with heavy burdens and I realize the coming of the Lord is near. I am the mother of six sweet children and my husband and I were made to sit in heavenly places with our darlings at home, all alone with Jesus. We played different musical instruments and sang and really enjoyed our happy home.

Brother G. W. Booth came to our neighborhood preaching the Church of God. I knew in my heart that this was the right way and I received the Holy Ghost and began to work for the Lord. Souls were saved in our home. But confusion and division came when my husband would not accept the Church of God government and I withstood him face to face with the Word of God. The Lord laid His hand on him and told him that the fields were white unto harvest and the laborers few and when he got close to God He would put a move on him to go but I know he quit praying because he did not want to go. The devil would repeat the scripture so much to me that a house divided against itself could not stand.

My husband did not want me to go to church and after I was taken out of the services I neglected prayer and hatred came up. After it was too late my husband acknowledged his mistake and we are two miserable prodigals. I do believe we are the most miserable on earth. We are both hungering and thirsting after righteousness and are so miserable, feeding on the husk of the swine. Please pray for us. Our hearts are broken under the burden, we realize that we have taken the wrong step before our children. We want to arise and go to our Father and be a humble servant at His feet. Would appreciate good encouraging letters from any of the dear sisters and brothers.—Mr. and Mrs. John Hurley.

REQUEST

I earnestly request that every one who knows the value of prayer pray for my little five year old boy who is very sick now with pellagra. I know God can heal. Saints please get this on your hearts.—Mrs. Lou Dubose.

BERRYTON CONVENTION A GREAT SUCCESS

"God's table is spread with soul desired, delicious food."

Service began May 11th as our Overseer, J. W. Culpepper, and wife were with us, but the convention opened May 21st. Brother Culpepper gave us some soul stirring messages which encouraged the saints and convicted sinners. On Saturday night Brothers J. W. Kinsey and M. A. Looney preached for us. The sermons were enjoyed, one received the Holy Ghost.

On Sunday we had visitors from different places in Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee. The singing and string band was fine. Brothers Joe Gibson, Will Swift, and Roy Fitzpatrick all of Lafayette had charge of the singing and they are fine singers and understand music. This was a great feast. As the saints joined in the singing they made the hallelujahs roll. A Baptist preacher from Chattanooga was present and as the saints began to sing and dance he looked on in wonder. Finally he told one brother that he was feeling good and the next thing he was on the floor dancing, shouting and praising God. Brother Burk, our Pastor, told us that the Lord's table was spread and for us to just help ourselves. Praise God, and so it was of a truth. I often wonder

why people will search around and try to drink out of hewn out cisterns when God has His table spread with all the delicious things that the soul could desire.

Sister Rich of Blairsville, Ga. gave us a talk on Sunday School. Brother Devlin of Lafayette, Ga. brought the message after which dinner was served under the large shady trees just across the road from the church. When the dinner was all spread on the white cloths it was a beautiful sight and looked as if some of God's people had been paying their tithes and God had poured out His blessings in a material way indeed. Everyone ate and seemed to be satisfied but some remarked that they were hungry for soul food more than for bodily nourishment. Brother Culpepper brought the evening message for us and made us feel like getting down more humble, climbing up higher and making a greater effort to become real Church of God members. Time would not permit all to speak who were present.

This convention made us think of the General Assembly and Brother Culpepper remarked that it was the best he had attended this year. Pray for the Berryton church.—Mrs. Ella Kinsey.

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